



WORSHIP

Combined Service

July 26, 2026

GATHERING SONG

Holy Spirit

Katie & Bryan Torwalt

Chapel Music Team – Adam Hendrickson, director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE/arr. Hendrickson

I Love You Lord

Laurie Klein

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE #600

Amen

AMEN

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Liz Tanner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 3:5-12 (NRSVue)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39 (NRSVue)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Thin Places & Liminal Spaces

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

THE RESPONSE

SONG OF AFFIRMATION #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

OFFERTORY SONG

Up to the Mountain

Patty Griffin

TABLE TALK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING #462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC #399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

Community Notes

Church Calendar & Parish Life newsletter: www.firstpreslibertyville.org

Sunday, July 26

10:00 AM — Worship (Chapel)

11:00 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)

Wednesday, July 29

4:00 PM — PADS Food Donation Drop-Off (Sanctuary Entrance)

Sunday, August 2

10:00 AM — Communion Worship (Chapel)

11:00 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)

Looking Ahead

August 9 — Blessing of the Backpacks & Congregational Meeting

August 15 — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering

August 22 — Confirmation Retreat

August 30 — Summer Book Read Discussion

September 1 — Summer Book Read Discussion via Zoom

September 13 — Rally Day & Welcome Rev. Nanette Sawyer

Register your kids for fall!

Visit firstpreslibertyville.org to register for Sunday School, music programs, kids' groups, and youth group with one easy form! Please register by July 24 so we can line up volunteers and classrooms for a great September!

Help Our Sunday School Thrive

A vibrant Sunday School program helps our children grow in faith while showing families who are searching for a church home that they are welcomed, valued, and loved. If you've been looking for a meaningful way to serve, please prayerfully consider volunteering in our Sunday School or Caregiving ministry. Your time and presence make a lasting difference in the lives of our children and help create a warm, welcoming community for every family. Please visit our website or click the links in Parish Life to sign up. Questions? Give Megan a call at 847-362-2174 or email office@boxp.net.

Summer Book Read

Readers age 14 and up are invited to join the First Pres Summer Book Read! This year we're reading two books that retell the story of Huckleberry Finn from a new vantage point: the bestselling novel "James" by Percival Everett and the graphic novel "Big Jim and the White Boy" by David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson. We'll gather to discuss both books in person on Sunday, August 30 from 11:30 AM–12:45 PM, and over Zoom on Tuesday, September 1 from 7–8:15 PM.